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FOR NAAS, NEA/IRN

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SUBJECT: AMERICAN EXPORT REFINERY

1. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, GROUP CONSISTING OF CITIES SERVICE, APCO, COMMONWEALTH REFINING CO., CROWN CENTRAL, AND CLARK OIL BEGAN MID-1973 NEGOTIATING TO BUILD 500,000 B/D EXPORT REFINERY AT BUSHEHR. LATER U.S. AFFILIATE OF SHELL JOINED GROUP AND OFFERED NIOC PARTICIPATION IN MARKETING IN NEW ENGLAND AND MID-ATLANTIC STATES, WHILE CLARK OIL DROPPED OUT.

2. IN RECENT WEEKS ALL REMAINING INDEPENDENTS HAVE DROPPED OUT, LEAVING ONLY U.S. AFFILIATE OF SHELL. GOI IS DISTURBED AT THIS DEVELOPMENT AND HAS ASKED US WHAT HAPPENED.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE NEA/IRN'S OR EB/ORF/FSE CONTACTING CITIES SERVICE, APCO, COMMONWEALTH, CLARK AND CROWN CENTRAL, IF POSSIBLE TODAY. AND ASCERTAINING EACH COMPANY'S REASON FOR WITHDRAWAL FROM THE PROJECT. WE SHOULD LIKE TO GIVE GOI PROMPT AND STRAIGHTFORWARD ANSWER TO THIS INQUIRY. EXECUTIVES LISTED IN MEMO OF JAN. 28, 1974, CONVERSATION BETWEEN THEN DEPUTY TREASURY SECRETARY SIMON, DR. PARVIZ MINA OF NIOC AND COMPANY REPS ARE AS FOLLOWS: CHARLES SIESS (APCO), GEORGE JANACEK (CLARK), A.J. MORRIS AND HENRY ROSENBERG, (CROWN CENTRAL), NORMAN KEITH (COMMONWEALTH) AND MR. CROW, CITIES SERVICE. ADDRESSES OF UNCLASSIFIED

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COMPANIES EXECUTIVE OFFICES LISTED IN OIL AND GAS INTERNATIONAL

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